

Minutes
Blue Ridge Regional Library Governing Board
Ridgeway Branch Library
February 16, 2023

Board members Margaret Caldwell, Felita Claybrooks, Rives Coleman, Betsy Haskins, Yluelhaldi Rose, Lewis Turner, and Sherry Vestal attended.

Also attending were Director Rick Ward, Administrative Assistant George Gutshall, and Ridgeway Branch Manager Amy Bunn.

Board members Rebecca Adcock and Lora Mahaffey were unable to attend.

Call to Order:

Board Chair Margaret Caldwell called the meeting to order at 12:00 and welcomed those in attendance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the January 18th meeting in Bassett were presented. Rives Coleman moved that the minutes be approved, Lewis Turner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report:

George Gutshall reviewed the library's financial report.

He reported that we had to replace the heat exchanger at the Martinsville Library which will cost approximately \$16,000. They then discovered a gas leak and we are waiting on a regulator to be installed.

He then went over what was in our capital accounts at Carter Bank and Trust and our unallocated account with the City of Martinsville.

On a motion by Sherry Vestal, seconded by Betsy Haskins, the financial report was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Margaret Caldwell, reporting for the Marketing Committee, said that she spoke on February 6th to the First Baptist Church Women's group and on February 15th to the Martinsville Women's Book Club about library services and the Bassett Expansion.

Old Business:

Lewis Turner, reporting for the Bassett Expansion Steering Committee, said the press conference for the expansion will be held at the Bassett Branch Library on March 16th at 10:30 a.m. He encouraged all board members to attend.

New Business:

Board Chair Margaret Caldwell reported on the Board Retreat that was held February 11th at the Martinsville Library. She noted that there was a good discussion about the five-year plan and added that the board would need to meet again to discuss the matter further and set some deadlines for projects to be worked on or completed. There was a discussion on how to get our supervisors/council members to give more support to the library and the steps we can take if they don't.

Friends Report:

Lewis Turner reported the Friends next book sale will be February 17th for members and February 18th for the public.

Director's Agenda:

Director Ward referred the board to the printed director's report.

He noted that the roof at Martinsville had experienced another leak and Service Roofing has been notified.

Adjournment:

Lewis Turner moved that the meeting be adjourned at 1:04, Sherry Vestal seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Recorder
Rick Ward

Lora Mahaffey
Secretary